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# FRENCH TRIAL UNLEASHES MIDEAST REVOLT AGAINST HOLOCAUST CULT

The trial in Paris this January of French intellectual Roger Garaudy for authoring the Holocaust revisionist book *The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics* has sparked an unprecedented explosion of support for revisionism across the Middle East.

Political, intellectual, professional, labor and religious leaders, as well as ordinary citizens, have spoken out, demonstrated, and given their support to the 84-year-old convert to Islam. In doing so, they have defended the right to question the Holocaust story and have begun--many for the first time--to study revisionism, not only in published texts, but also on revisionist sites on the World Wide Web, including CODOHWeb--the world's first website to post Garaudy's book in its entirety.

The first evidence that the Garaudy trial would be different from the trials of Robert Faurisson and other revisionists in France came a couple of days after the trial's beginning on January 8, when the Agence France Presse reported that the Palestinian Writers Association had expressed its solidarity with Roger Garaudy's "courageous fight for creative freedom."

On the next day, January 11, a support committee for Roger Garaudy was set up in the Gulf state of Qatar, and it called for the Arab world to take action "against the intellectual terrorism of the Zionists." Meanwhile, the newspaper *Al-Khaleej* (Dubai), in the neighboring United Arab Emirates, launched a campaign on behalf of Garaudy, calling for donations and messages of solidarity in a front-page appeal.

These were only the first boulders, however, in what became over the following weeks, as the Agence France Presse reported, "an avalanche of support" for Roger Garaudy's stand against Zionist oppression and against the Holocaust mythology that buttresses it. On January 12, Sheikh Ahmad Kaftaro, the highest Sunni Muslim authority in Syria, spoke out against the French effort to muzzle Garaudy, and Iran's Islamic Human Rights Committee pronounced: "This trial is a demonstration of disrespect and non-conformity to the practice of free speech." Prominent Lebanese attorneys, including the president of the Beirut bar association ("It is not acceptable that freedom of opinion be treated as a crime"), rallied to Garaudy's cause, as did the Union of Arab Journalists, which pointedly asked European journalists to defend Garaudy's right to freely express his opinion.

Garaudy himself addressed, via satellite, a demonstration held at the House of Youth in Doha on January 12; on the same day he published a letter of thanks in *Al-Khaleej*, warning: "Zionism, with its aggressive, colonialist policies and claims to eternal domination of Jerusalem, could detonate a world war."

Evidently this was music to the ears of Sheikha Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahayan, the wife of the president of the United Arab Emirates: on January 14 the Agence France Presse reported that she had donated $50,000 to Garaudy's defense (the maximum fine for denying "crimes against humanity" under the idiotic law under which Holocaust revisionists are prosecuted in France is 300,000 francs, or $50,000). In the following days came the public support of:

- the Arab Organization for Human Rights in Jordan, which supported Garaudy's "freedom in everything he has written" and lamented that France "has fallen under the Zionist influence which is deep-rooted in some sectors of European society";
- one hundred sixty members of Iran's parliament, who signed a petition backing Garaudy;
- one hundred Palestinian writers, who demonstrated

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Bradley R. Smith

# NOTEBOOK

A tear sheet from the Georgia State *Signal* informs me that our ad drawing attention to the fake gas chamber door at the USHMM had begun its once-a-week run.

Regina Roberts of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* calls my upstairs office here in Baja. Outside a wild storm is raging. The electricity goes off, comes on, then goes off for good. My computer shuts down, who knows what I have lost, but the telephone connection holds. A confrontation has developed at Georgia State over the USHMM Door ad running in *The Signal*. She won't give me the details, but of course I know the details. Campus Hillel and the ADL and other like organizations are leaning on the *Signal* staff, slandering and threatening to slander everyone in sight.

The following day Roberts calls me back to ask how much I'm paying to run the ad in the *Signal*. I ask why she doesn't get that information from the editor of the *Signal*. "They won't return my calls," she says. There is a hint of an accent to her voice that causes me to imagine she is Black. During the first interview she asks a question I don't understand. I have to ask her to repeat it twice. Finally I understand she is asking me what "race" I am. I have to think for a moment. I don't know why. Finally I answer "White." It's the first time a reporter has asked what race I am.

Tear sheets keep coming in from campus newspapers that have run the $50,000 Offer: Drexel U, Eastern Michigan, Vassar, West Virginia U, Texas A&I-Kingsville, U Louisville, U Wisconsin-La Crosse, Prince Georges C.C. (in a Washington D.C. suburb), U South Dakota, U Wisconsin-Whitewater, Hofstra U, Fairleigh Dickinson U, Buffalo State College.

An **SR** reader sends me the 15 January issue of *The Jewish Exponent* (Philadelphia). An Oregon man is sending the David Cole video to administrators in the Philadelphia Public School District. Barry Morrison, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, is notified immediately. He says as far as he knows this is the first time "deniers" have attempted to reach out to elementary schools--or even to high schools. Morrison tells the *Exponent* that there "'... is a great danger here' if the videotapes lead those who see it--such as faculty--to doubt the veracity of the Holocaust."

Certainly! But a great danger to whom?

Students at one eastern college and others at a midwestern college ask for CODOH leaflets to distribute on their campuses. One informs me that the editor of his campus newspaper was contacted by the Anti-Defamation League and warned away from running the ad but ran it anyway. It occurs to me that I can advertise on CODOHWeb for volunteers to distribute CODOH leaflets on campus. Why haven't I been using the Internet to do this all along? Because sometimes I don't see what's in front of my nose.

Interviewed by *The Cord* at State University of New York at Potsdam, and *The Chronicle* at Hofstra U on Long Island. The editor of *The Mount Holyoke News* writes me a hostile letter stating she does not run ads from "hate organizations" but offers to print a letter to the editor if it is "less than 450 words and contains no libelous material." I send the letter.

The Roger Garaudy trial in France is creating a spectacular level of support from Arab intellectuals, journalists and government officials. It is of such importance we decide we will use the Garaudy story as the lead for **SR** 51 rather than the Campus Project. A Middle Eastern journalist specializing in foreign relations contacts me (through the offices of Greg Raven at IHR) and offers us much new material.

Still more tear sheets from Campuses that ran the $50m ad: Wilfrid Laurier U (Ontario, Canada), Boise State U, The College of New Jersey (Ewing), Swarthmore, Montgomery County C.C. (Maryland), Portland C.C., U Northern Iowa and U New Hampshire. This is where Raul Hilberg, author of *The Destruction of the European Jews*, teaches. What does he think of this? What do his students think?

A tear sheet arrives from U New Haven. I've never heard of the University of New Haven. I call one of my know-it-all associates and he has never heard of it either. The bill for running the $50m Offer in the *Charger* is $300. I search my files and reference books. I don't have a U New Haven. It's not on my mailing list. Someone is trying to rip me off. I won't fall for it. I don't pay the bill.

An **SR** reader sends me an 8 January clipping from *The Canadian Jewish News*. It has a story reprinted from the *Connecticut Jewish Ledger*. The lead paragraph reads: "New Haven -- A controversy has erupted at the University of New Haven after the student newspaper ran an ad from a Holocaust revisionist group." When challenged by the Connecticut director of the ADL, the *Charger Bulletin* editor, Allyson Barrett, editorialized that the advertisement "only opens student's eyes to the fact that some people believe that there is room for debate when discussing Holocaust history. The paper is an advocate of First Amendment rights, and newspapers are public forums for open debate in any form. This advertisement, by these standards, is a perfect example of how this belief can be applied." If only one metropolitan newspaper editor were to say something half so brave.

Guess I'll have to send the check.

As we reported in **SR** 50, the Jewish Defense League put out a "Wanted" ad on the Internet for David Cole's street address, prefaced with the ugliest rant of libel and incitement to violence I have ever read. On 5 January **SR** reader Albert Doyle informs me that David has recanted all his revisionist work, including our video on Auschwitz, *David Cole Interviews Dr. Franciszek Piper*. When I go to the JDL Website I am stunned by the language of the recantation, which invokes the style and self-humiliation of the Stalinist trials, and reminds me of some Germans during post-WWII war crimes trials.

Cole doesn't recant one specific assertion of fact he makes in our video on Auschwitz, not one specific assertion of fact in his brilliant essay "44 Questions About the WWII 'Gas Chambers.'" Probably the pithiest description of Cole's recantation language has been made by Harvey Taylor, who says it "reads like something dictated by a North Korean rabbi."

I send student editors at 380 campuses the original JDL rant against David Cole, along with a cover letter suggesting that they try to discover what the ADL is doing in response to the actions of its sister organization, the JDL. The FBI, the Los Angeles police, and the Human Rights Commission in Washington D.C. have also received copies.

On 29 January I mail a package containing the original JDL rant, the full Cole recantation, the JDL gloating response, plus a copy of the $50m Offer together with a cover letter to every writer and editor at the *New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. Three hundred and eighty-three individuals. The cover explains briefly what the three documents and the $50m Offer are. I end it by writing: "Out of gratitude for the intellectual freedom you are guaranteed as a citizen of this country, and with respect for your profession, I must believe you will act." Do I believe that--really?

The middle of this week, at the very time the package arrives at the *NYT* and the *Tribune*, there is a sudden splurge of hundreds of extra hits on CODOHWeb's HomePage. Perhaps it's only a coincidence.

I think the JDL/Cole incident is eerily representative of a core story for our century. It illustrates in microcosm how the Jewish holocaust story was birthed and nurtured to become

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the intellectual and moral monster it is--with slander and violence and the threat of slander and violence.

David did what he felt he had to do, I suppose, to try to make this affair blow over so he and particularly his parents, with whom I believe he was still living when this affair erupted, can live a normal, secure life. For my part, I will do what I feel I have to do. One doesn't put on hold a project that addresses the fate of Western culture, no matter how modest the project might appear to others, because one man is slandered and his life threatened. That would be living life as the brutes direct

An unknown person faxes me the article from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* written by Regina Roberts. It's a straight ahead story without the usual slander and contempt that most journalists feel they must exresss with regard to revisionism--if they are not to be slandered in turn. Here are three paragraphs from this sensible 6 February article:

> An ad, so small that it might easily be overlooked, has caused a big stir at Georgia State University among students and faculty members because it directs readers to a Web site challenging certain aspects of the Holocaust.(....)
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> "The perception may be that one or two people made the decision to run the ad and that is not the case," said [Vickie Suggs, student affairs adviser for The Signal]. The decision was based upon the policy and the students' desire to approach the issue as journalists. (....)
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> "When I publish an ad in a student newspaper, this is oftentimes the first news that students have that there's something wrong with this story," said Smith, who portrays himself as an independent crusader seeking to correct falsehoods slandering the German people "It's too late for most of the professors. But students as a class tend to have more open minds than their professors do."

STOP PRESS--as my old friend David McCalden used to put it. By way of the Internet I learn that students have distributed hundreds of my leaflets titled "The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate" at elite Swarthmore College (PA). Jewish students affiliated with something called The Ruach Board have e-mailed an "alert" to "The Swarthmore Jewish Community and all other interested parties." They quote from a statement placed in the *Duke Chronicle* by the History Department of Duke U in 1993 in response to the text of "The Case For...." being run in the *Chronicle*. The "statement" is ludicrous; maybe I'll have a chance to point that out. I'm going to have to have a fast typewriter. The Ruach people advise students to go to the ADL to find the truth about revisionism, and note that they have invited a "survivor" to speak at Swarthmore in April, on Holocaust Memorial Day.

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- for Garaudy in front of the French Cultural Center in Gaza;
- the Egyptian Labor Party, which held rallies denouncing the two hundredth anniversary of Napoleon's Nile expedition--and the trial of Roger Garaudy;
- the Kuwaiti Society for Human Rights, which addressed a letter of protest to the French ambassador;
- the Sudanese bar association;
- the Syrian bar association;
- and last, but not least, Egypt's Nobel laureate in literature (1988), Naguib Mahfouz, who wrote in *Al-Ahram Weekly*:

  *I was amazed to learn, in connection with the trial of the French Muslim thinker, Garaudy, of the existence of a French law according to which it is a crime to question facts relating to the Holocaust. France is a country which tolerates atheism; yet it is a crime to doubt the existence of the Holocaust, or the number of Jews killed.... How did a simple historical event come to acquire such an aura of sanctity?.... I find this law baffling--a contradiction in terms. Human disasters are historical events which must be studied again and again. The understanding of such events cannot be monopolized. No researcher can be tried and found guilty for his or her work.*

Meanwhile, in mid-January CODOHWeb began experiencing a surge of hits, or accesses of the site, that added up to an increase of nearly thirty percent above normal visits. Webmasters David Thomas and Richard Widmann puzzled over what might be the source of the upsurge at first, but they soon learned that a high number of the new visitors to the site were from the Middle East.

As a result, CODOHWeb has linked with revisionist web sites in the Mideast, offering our vast array of revisionist scholarship, including: state-of-the art articles on the Holocaust; the complete text of Garaudy book; our popular page, "The Tangled Web: Zionism, Stalinism, and The Holocaust;" and links to our friend Ahmed Rami's big Arabic language site operating out of Sweden. (For more on the Internet aspects of the Garaudy affair, see Internet Roundup, p. 6.)

The four sessions of the actual trial of Roger Garaudy were heavily attended by both opponents and supporters of the former French Communist, including such revisionist friends of CODOH as the Japanese journalist Aiji Kimura and of course Robert Faurisson, whose work served as Garaudy's chief inspiration. Garaudy's defense team was led by Jacques Verges, a well-known advocate who has defended Klaus Barbie among other notable clients.

In court Garaudy was inclined to attempt to shift the focus of his book toward opposition to Israeli aggression (which to be sure occupies a considerable part of it) and away from Holocaust revisionism. In the opening sessions, he seemed under considerable strain during cross examination, but brightened later as the Islamic nations of the Middle East rallied to his side. Toward the end of the hearings, some fifteen knife-wielding members of the Jewish "youth" group, Tagar, came at young revisionists on the street near the court building after the revisionists had bested them, but the police intervened and there were no serious injuries.

A verdict is promised for February 27. One doesn't envy France's Holocaust mullahs their dilemma here: convicting Garaudy could make of him an even greater martyr. Acquitting him would show that the Loi Gayssot can be defied--to the applause of the Arab world!

The Garaudy affair attracted prominent coverage in France, exceeding that of any single revisionist trial to date, as well as drawing considerable coverage by such international news services as Agence France Presse and Reuters. American news media lagged (to no one's surprise), but the Garaudy trial and the uproar it unleashed in the Middle East did find echoes here and there in U.S. reporting, particularly in connection with the visit of Palestine's Yasir Arafat and Israel's "Bibi" Netanyahu.

While Netanyahu grumbled cryptically on The Larry King Show about the rising tide of "Holocaust denial" among the Arabs, Arafat discovered that he had more than the West Bank of the Jordan to worry about, when the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum proved to be part of the Israeli-occupied East Bank of the Potomac, and refused to admit him in his capacity as chairman of the Palestinian Authority. CODOH considered presenting Arafat with its critique of the Museum's failings, but had no one on hand on short enough notice to make the presentation (a shortcoming we'd like to repair—candidates for a future such role in the Washington area, please drop us a line).

The fallout from the Garaudy affair is still drifting downward at this writing. To be sure, its immediate significance may be overshadowed by news of the Clinton affair(s) and by the military attack on Iraq that the U.S. government appears to be readying. Nevertheless, for the first time, Holocaust revisionism seems to have caught fire throughout the Middle East. Muslim nations, often reviled for intolerance in the West, have caught the fetid scent of the hypocrisy of European and American intellectuals on this one. They are beginning to look carefully at the Holocaust and the role it plays in Western society. We predict that it won't take too many pages of *Founding Myths* or too many visits to CODOHWeb or to Ahmed Rahmi's linked, Arab-language Radio Islam website before they decide that the Holocaust story is both a sacred cow and a golden calf--and a loaded pistol aimed at them and us.

Six years ago, Ahmed Rahmi told a conference of the Institute for Historical Review that bringing Holocaust revisionism to the Arabs was like pushing on an open door--in other words, they were so predisposed to believe the worst of the Zionists that they disbelieved the Holocaust without any focus or intellectual purchase. As of this January, the door to Holocaust revisionism in the Middle East is still open, but people from all walks of life are standing in it to greet us Holocaust revisionists warmly and appreciatively.

For that thanks must go to Robert Faurisson, who has fought a lonely, bitter fight, with many a financial, career, and physical sacrifice, to put the academic case for Holocaust revisionism to France and the world, and to Roger Garaudy, who combined Holocaust revisionism with anti-Zionism to make it understandable and palatable to Muslims, and in his eighties risked fine and imprisonment for his book *Founding Myths.*

CODOH is proud of its role in being first to publish Roger Garaudy's potentially epoch-making book in English, on CODOHWeb, and of its role in offering the very best of revisionist scholarship to the burgeoning numbers of inquirers throughout the Middle East who have flocked to our website. We thank you, our supporters, whose steady help by way of donations and purchases has enabled us not only to keep truth alive but to make it strong and make it grow, in America--and around the world.

*[Your contribution of $25 (or, if possible, an even more generous donation) will get you a copy of the first English translation of Roger Garaudy's* The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics, *printed directly from the international CODOHWeb site, with spiral binding and clear cover, including the annexes and additional material, and at the same time help CODOH to continue spreading the good news of Holocaust revisionism.]*

## CODOH-linked student revisionist website at Washington State U sets campus on its ear

To date, CODOH has influenced campuses across America chiefly from the outside--by placing advertisements in college newspapers. That's beginning to change, however, as university students--with the help of CODOH and other revisionist outfits--start to think for themselves, and then to act on their convictions.

During the past year Washington State University senior Lawrence Pauling has been a national leader in translating revisionist information into action at the university level. Pauling, with a double major in biology and psychology at WSU, came to doubt the received history of the Second World War and the Holocaust while in high school (he tells *Smith's Report* that the film *Schindler's List* was instrumental in revealing that the exterminationist "emperor" had no clothes).

Pauling used the university website facilities available to students and faculty to set up, with the help of a few like-minded students, the Student Revisionists' Resource Site (<www.wsu.edu/~lpauling/index1.html>). That, and a revisionist letter Pauling published in the campus *Daily Evergreen,* resulted, last spring, in the WSU History Department's denouncing--but not refuting--the SRRS's challenges to the Holocaust.

Last fall, Pauling sent, via electronic mail, 112 questions on the Holocaust (comprising IHR's *66 Questions* and CODOH's *46 Unanswered Questions on the WWII Gas Chambers*) to every faculty member in the WSU history department. As a reader of this newsletter you will not be thunderstruck to learn that Washington State's historians didn't start paging through their libraries to answer even the easy questions on the list. On the contrary, one Professor Steve Kale took the lead in organizing the coordinated non-response of his fellow professors.

When a couple of the historians protested to the dean's office that they gotten some very unwanted email, Pauling was hauled in and accused of wanting to blow up the university for writing that revisionists would "create a bang" rather than let the issue die with a whimper (times have changed—it used to be that students could actually darn near blow up the school with impunity). Steve Kale chimed in that he was afraid Pauling would murder him and his family because he's Jewish, and the affair--including some juicy revisionist questions Pauling had put to the professors--exploded, as it were, in front page stories in the *Daily Evergreen* early last December. Whereupon the university administration set to work to quash Pauling's web page by changing the existing regulations, which careful study by WSU's lawyers had revealed (tch, tch!) didn't prohibit posting revisionist assertions and opinion.

Pauling didn't panic, however; he summoned help not only from such fellow revisionists as Brad Smith and CODOH, Ernst Zuendel and Ingrid Rimland, but also from the American Civil Liberties Union, which weighed in with a lengthy letter strongly advising WSU authorities not to infringe free expression on its taxpayer-supported website. As this issue of *Smith Report* went to press, the Student Revisionists' Resource Site carries on as one of several revisionist sites operating under the auspices of universities, another being, of course, that of Professor Art Butz at Northwestern (pubweb.acns.nwu.edu/~abutz/), which has also come under attack (see **SR** 39, 40 & 41).

Pauling reports that a number of students have expressed their contempt of Washington State's historians for playing possum when confronted with some pressing questions about the allegedly most certain event in human history, and doubtless many more students have wondered why Pauling can't doubt and question with impunity--after all, isn't that the essence of a modern university?

Lawrence Pauling is a careful reader of *Smith's Report* and a frequent visitor to CODOHWeb. He told **SR**:

> Bradley has been very supportive. He has often times provided students with the material necessary to understand the complex nature of the Holocaust controversy. It has occurred on more than one occasion that I have called him at home, sometimes late in the evening, regarding timely matters of importance, and at each contact he has offered invaluable advice.

And why not? That's what we're here for.

# WORLDSCOPE

*The Last Ditch* (*TLD*) is the name of a radical libertarian journal of which Joe Sobran once commented, "If this government cared about ideas, it would crack down on *The Last Ditch*. It could be called The Joy of Thinking." In that regard, *TLD* has recently published a number of very thoughtful articles having to do with revisionism. In the December 1997 issue, No. 19, *TLD* presented our own Richard Widmann's thoughts on modern trends in book burning. Widmann's article, "How Fahrenheit 451 trends threaten intellectual freedom," was hitherto unavailable outside of CODOHWeb.

Widmann's article addresses the extent to which modern day book burners will go to censor revisionist ideas. The article spans a wide range of revisionist persecution from the 1984 IHR firebombing, to Ernst Zuendel's 1995 fire, David Irving's troubles with St. Martin's press, and the 1996 burning of the revisionist anthology *Grundlagen zur Zeitgeschichte*. This issue of *TLD* also takes on the Anti-Defamation League's "partnership" with America Online in yet another attempt to censor the Internet, and the recent Norman Finkelstein-Henry Holt affair. Surely this thoughtful journal is of interest to revisionists and free speech advocates world wide. Trial subscriptions are four issues for $17.00 from: *WTM Enterprises, P.O. Box 224, Dept. AR, Roanoke, IN 46783-0224.*

CODOH has once again broken the stereotypes in its attempt to spread the good word of revisionism. An anarcho-leftist publication, *The Hoover Hog* features no less than four major revisionist essays in its Fall/Winter 1997 issue (no. 2). This magazine, which is subtitled "Entertainment for the Discriminating Thought Criminal," truly refuses to yield when it comes to dangerous ideas. Three of the four revisionist pieces are authored by CODOH associates including Bradley Smith's classic, "The Holocaust Controversy: The Case for Open Debate." The current issue of the *Hog* also features an original piece by the staff entitled, "Who's Afraid of the Holocaust Controversy." This piece argues strongly for the case for ending the persecution of revisionists worldwide. After analyzing the works of leading revisionists and exterminationists, the author is able to proclaim, "So, as I see it, the smart money's still on the Zyklon skeptics." For those with four bucks, the *Hoover Hog* is a sure bet.

> The Hoover Hog *is $4 per issue and be obtained from: The Hoover Hog, PO Box 7511, Cross Lanes, West Virginia 25356-0511.*

Although victims of yet another police raid, on January 7, the **Foundation for Free Historical Research**, or ***Vrij Historisch Onderzoek*** (VHO), has completed publication of their first year of what some are calling the world's leading Holocaust revisionist journal, *Vierteljahreshefte fuer freie Geschichtsforschung (VffG).* The December issue of *VffG* features a new German-language version of the Samuel Crowell article, "Technique and Operation of German Anti-Gas Shelters in World War II: A Refutation of J.C. Pressac's 'Criminal Traces.'" (For more on Crowell's article see **SR** 46). The article is beautifully presented with many photographs printed for the first time since WWII. The article also includes a number of pictures taken directly from CODOHWeb. The English language version of this article is available only through CODOHWeb.

> Vrij Historisch Onderzoek *may be reached at: PO Box 60, B-2600 Berchem 2, Belgium. VHO now also maintains a website at <http://www.vho.org.>*

# INTERNET ROUNDUP 1998

## Garaudy Case Awakens Arabs

by Richard Widmann

> *The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics* ... will examine one of the untruths which continues to wreak the most havoc after over half a century in today's world, and not only in Israel: the myth of the 6 million Jews exterminated that has become a dogma justifying, sacralizing (as the very term "Holocaust" implies) all the extortion of the State of Israel in Palestine, in the entire Middle East, in the United States and, through the United States, in world politics, placing it above all international law.

So writes the octogenarian French philosopher Roger Garaudy. It was this sentiment and his analysis on the alleged gas chambers of the Third Reich which resulted in Garaudy being dragged before a French court for having violated their anti-free speech legislation known as the Fabius-Gayssot law. Garaudy had commented: "According to the accusers, the crime-weapon was the 'gas chambers.' Yet the judges found no 'traces' of them!" Like Faurisson and others before him, Garaudy was brought before the new French Inquisition.

Recognizing the importance of Garaudy's work, *The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics* (*FMIP*), CODOHWeb was the first to post the entire work in both French and English to the World Wide Web. By the summer of 1996,

Garaudy had a home on CODOHWeb. (See **SR** 32, "French communist intellectual prosecuted because of revisionist writings.") As 1997 was coming to a close, the initial furor raised by Garaudy's work had largely subsided.

In recent days, however, the actual trial of Garaudy has stirred up a whirlwind of support for Garaudy himself and the ideas that he set forth in *FMIP*. The trial in France has stirred the wrath of Muslims around the world--Mr. Garaudy is a convert to Islam. As Arab individuals and organizations have flocked to Garaudy's support, much to the embarrassment of the French thought police, the news has been speeding through cyberspace.

Throughout the month of January articles from the Agence France Presse (AFP) have been posted across the Internet. These stories have of course found a home in CODOHWeb's NewsDesk as well. In addition, mainstream Arab websites, like Arabia-On-line (www.arabia.com) have voiced support for Garaudy. These articles go further than simply demanding Garaudy's right to free speech; they actually call into question the Holocaust story itself. One article on www.Arabia.com was entitled, "Garaudy refutes Zionist claims on Holocaust."

An organization calling itself "Support Garaudy" has sprung up on the web (www.garaudy.net.) Besides nice photos of Garaudy and most of the latebreaking news of his trial, this website has numerous links to CODOHWeb.

January has seen a massive rise in the number of contacts being made to CODOHWeb from the Arab world. We have seen a tremendous rise in the total number of hits each day as result of what can only be called the Garaudy phenomenon. CODOHWeb is now being accessed about once every 45 seconds!

While the Internet is all abuzz with the events of the Garaudy trial and the support coming from just about every Arab country, the mainstream news sources are silent. Hardly any direct mention of the new-found Arab revisionism due to the French thought crime trial of Garaudy makes its way into any medium.

I do understand from a friend of CODOH that Benjamin Netanyahu was seen on CNN's Larry King Live recently muttering angrily about the proliferation of Holocaust revisionism in the Arab states around Israel. To think it all started in cyberspace--on CODOHWeb! There is no doubt about it, the information war is under way. It's good to know we have so many allies.

***The Holocaust Controversy:***
***The Case for Open Debate***
by Bradley R. Smith.

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# LETTERS

*[Please inform me if you do not want your name mentioned in* **SR**. *While I read every letter that crosses my desk, I can not respond to any that does not pertain to important business needing immediate attention.]*

I just read David Cole's "repudiation" on the CODOH website. Instant reactions: You are quite right to be suspicious of the validity of the statement, given its source. If it is valid it probably reflects the fact that the JDL got David's home address. I wonder who got the "monetary reward"? Even other anti-revisionists consider the JDL to be thugs. Why in the world would David chose the JDL as a vehicle unless he was intimidated? He's smart enough to understand that. Even if valid, the statement is so abject as to raise doubts about the emotional state of the writer. It is short on facts and adopts the usual rhetoric of the JDL. Another Hoess "confession"?

Albert Doyle, FL

Congratulations on having the best Internet website in the world.

Fritz Berg, NJ

I am aware that some SR readers are sending your literature in the postage free envelopes they get with their junk mail. That is a good idea. But I suggest including your flyer in every piece of out-bound mail. In my business and personal dealings I have written as many as 99 checks in one month. At least half were mailed in stamped envelopes. I know this technique gets results. Recently my salesman expressed astonished amazement at reading *part* of your newsletter. Apparently the newsletter was shared by the entire office staff. It created quite a stir. The business is a large carpet wholesaler. The *same thing* happened at my lumber company's office.

John Zimmerman, TX

After much on-campus and local-media controversy spurred by a CODOH advertisement in the *Rice Thresher* (11-21-97), I decided to find out more about CODOH for myself. I easily located the site and was impressed by the methodicalness with which CODOH presents its point of view. I was especially impacted by much clear-cut data against the widely accepted holocaust story in the form of pictures, tables, quotes, etc.... I now wonder about the widely accepted story's legitimacy. Beyond this, I absolutely agree that the story is at least debatable. With or without any constitution, speaking our minds will eternally remain an inalienable right. I will be a regular visitor of the CODOH site.

Carlos Mauricio Chacon, El Salvador

What I can testify to is the effect of yr continuing refusal to see "Israel" as not just related but the very Heart of yr Issue, making CODOH increasingly *Cosa Tua*, of every diminishing relevance (to me at least). The same, alas, can

be said of Intellectual Freedom. There has to be a way to connect our passions, consistently, to the Overwhelming Question, or watch them dwindle to... hobbies, if not bees in our bonnet--No?

Tom Reveille, CA

*I don't know. I could say that the overwhelming question is: What is the overwhelming question? How do you know when you have found the answer? The question that is most overwhelming for me circles around the issue of intellectual freedom. Others feel overwhelmed by other questions. Each of us wants to live his life in concert with his deepest feelings. It's clear however that nations come and go while the ideal of intellectual freedom remains what it is. Employed, it will destroy Zionism as we know it now, and it will destroy those elites who most want to destroy Zionism. It's exciting but probably impossible to imagine what would occur in the Mideast if the political and intellectual elites among Jews and Arabs both were to decide that intellectual freedom is the overwhelming issue of their societies and their cultures. When Israel goes down,, will the U.S. Congress become the overwhelming question? If so, why isn't it so now?*

## OTHER STUFF

When we moved from Visalia to Baja Mexico last summer, I mentioned that everyone came, Irene and me, Paloma, Grandma, the birds, our dog Katy, and Pete the cat. Several people mentioned they would like to see a photo of Pete. No one mentioned Grandma or Katy. So here's Pete. The kid? Paloma, just before we left Visalia.

Portrait of Pete

PRESS CLIPPINGS --a reminder that relevant press clippings, particularly those mentioning the Campus Project or the JDL/Cole scandal are wanted--urgently. Here in Baja the press is not particularly interested in what interests us. NAMES --my sincere thanks to those of you who have sent me new names over the last few months of individuals who you believe might be interested in receiving information about Smith's Report, CODOHWeb, and the Campus Project. Names are the name of the game. Have I said that before?

ONE LAST TIME! -- please check your record of contributions. We have finally worked out the "trailing" program for our computer to remind **SR** readers who we have not heard from for 11 months that we really must hear from you now. Thanks to all of you self-starters who have done this for me over the last few months. I appreciate it. I expect this will be the last time I will print this special plea here.

BUSINESS EXPENSES. Over the last 30 days these include: telephone $474; editorial & research $600; merchandise $535; office and shipping expenses $570; printing $750; postage $846--for a total of $3,775. All those funds came from contributions--from **SR** readers and contributors. There is no other place to get it, no other people contributing. This isn't a project that the MacArthur or Ford Foundations will sustain. We are on our own. One day it will most likely be different, but for the present, we're on our own. Your help is appreciated. With you, I can do it.

Without you?--not a chance!

*Bradley*


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